CLAIMS

1. In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

constructing a sentence-based summary of a document's writings; and

inserting the sentence-based summary at a beginning of the document.

2. A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.

3. An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.

4. An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.

5. A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.

6. A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 1.

7. In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device to construct a summary of a document, wherein the summary is in part derived from counting how frequently words appear in the document, a computer-implemented method comprising:

evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of words that appear repeatedly in a same order;

ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the ordered sets of words as if they were single words; and

generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence rankings.

8. A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform operations of the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

9. An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

10. An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

11. A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

12. A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 7.

13. In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

constructing a textual content-based summary of a document's writings; and

inserting the textual content-based summary at a beginning of the document and on a common page with starting content of the document.

14. A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

15. An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

16. An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

17. A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

18.   A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 13.